

# King County Democrats

## 2020 Candidate Questionnaire: Legislature

<b>Candidate Name</b>	Chukundi Salisbury	
<b>Position Sought</b>	State Representative	
Home Legislative District	37	
<b>Are you a Democrat?</b>	Yes	
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<b>Please answer the following questions.</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
1	Have you ever been a member of another political party?		x
2	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?		x
3	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?		x
4	Does your campaign have a code of conduct for staff and volunteers? If not, are you willing to implement one?	x	

### **Part I – Candidate Background (*maximum of 200 words per question please*)**

Please briefly describe your education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation, and other relevant experience.

I currently serve as the Manager of the Environmental Sustainability, Education and Engagement unit at Seattle Parks and Recreation. I manage Discovery Park, Carkeek Park, The Youth Green Corps, and The Urban Food Systems Program.

I have a B.S. in Computer Science from Elizabeth City State University (NC)

I've also been a proud union member of UFCW21, Local 1239, and Local 17.

Describe your history of involvement in Washington state politics. What campaigns, if any, have you run or worked on?

I have been involved in many campaigns in this region. I've been a member and PCO of the 37th LD for many years, and I was a delegate for the presidential primary in 2016. I have heavily participated in issue campaigns that were supported by the Democratic party, such as I-1433, I-940, and I-1000.

Describe the progress of your campaign and campaign goals. What is your plan to win? If you have received endorsements, please list them here.

We have received tremendous feedback from the community, and have raised over \$15,000 since we launched around 2 months ago. Our plan is to run the most community based grassroots campaign in the race. This includes engaging people in the district that are normally overlooked to increase turnout and representation of the voters. Larry Gossett

### Part II – Yes/No Questions

#	Question	Yes	No	Additional Comments
1	Do you support the right of public workers – excluding military personnel – to bargain and strike?	x		
2	Do you support raising the statewide minimum wage?	x		
3	Do you support increased state funding for Sound Transit and other regional transit authorities?	x		
4	Do you support repealing the 1% limit on property tax revenues?	x		
5	Will you allow your campaign staff to unionize?	x		
6	Do you support ending Washington State funding for privately run prisons and detention centers?	x		We need to end the privatized slave wage labor in our public prisons as well.
7	Do you support statewide mandatory age-appropriate sex education in public schools?	x		
8	Would you be willing to have yourself, your staff, or your peers participate in	x		

cultural competency, anti-racism, and/or anti-sexual harassment training?			
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**Part III – Free Response Questions (*maximum of 200 words per question please*)**

What issues do you think aren't getting enough attention from the media or elected officials? How would you seek to remedy that through your campaign or when elected?

The actual factors that are leading to black and brown people dying at higher rates of Covid-19 aren't getting enough attention. The media is scared to talk about these issues directly because they don't know how to address the systemic racial factors that cause the disparities.

There are still disparities in investments of POC owned businesses. Predatory practices of developers in communities of color have always been happening, and are ramped up even more during this Covid-19 crisis.

In the post-McCleary era, how do you propose to strengthen the K-12 education system?

1. Propose more cultural competency training for all schools.
2. Allocate more funding for extracurricular programs under resourced schools. The arts are essential to enhancing and maintaining a student's education.

Washington State's carbon emissions have increased in recent years, most recently by 1.6% from 2015-17. What policies would you propose to reduce our statewide emissions by 50% by 2030?

More access to public transportation will significantly decrease emissions. We need to increase this access by erasing fares, adding more routes, and finishing ST3. We also need to bring more standards to our ports in regards to cruise ship waste and fuel usage.

How will you use your office to promote universal access to healthcare in Washington?

I will do all I can to rally support around the issue to make it possible for me to vote for it on the house floor. It is one thing to support it myself, but I will be a first term legislator and will have to be creative to gather support in Olympia to make it viable enough to pass.

Washington has one of the most regressive tax structures in the country. What steps would you take to make our tax system more fair?

I plan to help flip our regressive tax code. As much as it needs to happen, statewide public opinion has kept flipping it from being viable. We need to help educate the public about how much our regressive tax code has been hurting us and how it needs to change.

**I affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete, and correct to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted.**

Signature	<i>Chukundi Salisbury</i>	Date: 4-19-2020
Printed Name	Chukundi Salisbury	